

ABSTRACT

The present invention is applied to a video camera using an optical disk based on the DVD system. Data for determination changing each time data corresponding to a recording unit from a start of a recording operation until the end of the recording operation is generated based on management data recorded in a recording medium and is recoded in the recording medium 5. A type of a recording apparatus having recorded a recording unit recorded last is determined by comparing the data for determination recorded in the recording medium 5 to the management data, thereby switching a management unit.